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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a steady and longtime customer of sonic.net, a local phone and internet provider. I love sonic. I love that they are local. I love that I get "local service," that is, service that is friendly, prompt, and uncomplicated by endless menus with numbers you have to push and long wait times. i have heard nothing but bad about the service from the big guys.

Sonic is now putting in fiber. I'm not a tech-y person and I don't understand exactly what this is, but I am planning to take advantage of the fiber broadband service because sonic recommends it and I trust them.

I understand that sonic's expansion into fiber is being threatened by AT&T and other huge companies as a way to hike up prices by cutting off competition. Let us stop them from monopolizing the field. Local competition is healthy and gives rise to better service for consumers. Local internet providers are the only providers in rural communities!
Don't let the giants bulldoze the smaller companies.

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